



ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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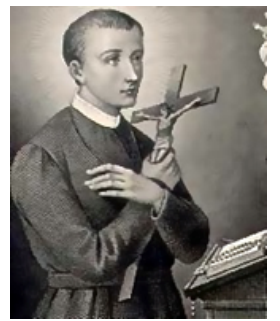
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, visit <https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/> or see the Safeguarding Officer. "Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi Readings for Mass (Year C) - June 21/22, 2025

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading - Genesis 14: 18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abram gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - Luke 9: 11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him, says the Lord.

Please Note: We will take a leaving collection for Fr. Michael this weekend at all Masses.

Prayer to St Gerard Majella

Great protector of the family, St Gerard, we ask your prayers for all parents, that they may receive the grace to live in the love of God and bring up their children to know and love Him with all their hearts. We ask you to pray also that those who take the lives of unborn innocents and attack the dignity of motherhood, may come to see the error of their ways, and that all may value the true holiness of Christian family life. God, our loving Father, Your love gives life to the world. Bless and make holy all human love, especially the life-giving love of husband and wife.



May Your love fill the hearts and homes of all families, so that the world may enjoy the peace and happiness promised by Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School 2026 Prep (Foundation) Enrolments are now open and Parish families are our first category for enrolments. If you have or know of a child who will be starting school next year please contact the School on 9791 7553 or email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to arrange a meeting and tour with Principal Mr Paul Cowan. Families are welcome for a school tour, there is no need for an appointment. Please visit <https://www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au>

Thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection from the foyer of the church. Should you wish to change your contributions, update your information or sign up to receive thanksgiving envelopes, please contact the parish office on 9792 4422. Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

Next weekend at all Masses we will have a collection for the **2025 Catholic Mission Church Appeal**.

Prayer For Life - Saturday 28th June, 2025, Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass in reparation for abortion at 9:00am at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Confessions available from 8:30am before the Mass. Come and pray for healing for mothers and fathers suffering after abortion. Followed by a Rosary Procession to the edge of the 150m zone from the abortion centre in Wellington Parade, (opposite Jolimont Station ramp exit), East Melbourne to pray and witness. Concluding with morning tea in the Fitzroy Gardens (Parking available off Lansdowne St. All welcome. Sponsored by: Helper's of God's Precious Infants.

Invitation Changes Everything: Build a Parish That Reaches Out - Can a simple invitation really change a life? Join us at St Michael's Berwick on Sunday 20 July from 2:30pm - 5:30pm with international evangelist Michael Harvey to discover how invitation can become a part of our parish culture. Free event but please register at <https://tinyurl.com/Michaelharvey-Berwick>. For more information contact Jeff 0477 188 883 or Alizarin 0457 778 889.

Blessed and Given: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

At the dawn of salvation history, God revealed our future in figures. That's what's going on in today's First Reading: a priest-king comes from Jerusalem (see Psalm 76:3), offering bread and wine to celebrate the victory of God's beloved servant, Abram, over his foes. By his offering, Melchizedek bestows God's blessings on Abram. He is showing us, too, how one day we will receive God's blessings and in turn "bless God"—how we will give thanks to Him for delivering us from our enemies, sin and death. As Paul recalls in today's Epistle, Jesus transformed the sign of bread and wine, making it a sign of His body and blood, through which God bestows upon us the blessings of His "new covenant." Jesus is "the priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek," that God, in today's Psalm, swears will rule from Zion, the new Jerusalem (see Hebrews 6:20–7:3).

By the miracle of loaves and fishes, Jesus in today's Gospel, again prefigures the blessings of the Eucharist. Notice that He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the Twelve. You find the precise order and words in the Last Supper (see Luke 22:19) and in His celebration of the Eucharist on the first Easter night (see Luke 24:30). The Eucharist fulfills the offering of Melchizedek. It is the daily miracle of the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus. It is a priesthood He conferred upon the Apostles in ordering them to feed the crowd, in filling exactly twelve baskets with leftover bread—in commanding them on the night He was handed over:

"Do this in remembrance of Me."

Through His priests He still feeds us in "the deserted place" of our earthly exile.

And by this sign He pledges to us a glory yet to come. For as often as we share in His body and blood. We proclaim His victory over death, until He comes again to make His victory our own.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, June 21 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Mass 5:30pm Eustace Freeman (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Vidot & Tirant Families (*Remembrance* ✙)
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 22 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 'Corpus Christi'

Mass 8:30am Florrie Dos Remedios (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Daniel Thomas Milloy (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Thanksgiving in honour of St. John the Baptist
and John Daniels (*Remembrance* ✙)
Mass 10:30am Congratulations to all the children receiving their
First Holy Communion
Philomena Bowes (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and For healing for B. B. Cosmas
and Thanksgiving on Matheo's First Holy Communion
and Antonio & Angelina Sacco (*Remembrance* ✙)
Mass 5:30pm Thanksgiving on the Golden Wedding Anniversary
of Darryl and Halcyon Pereira

Monday June 23

Mass 9:15am Bibiana Patoc (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and Private Intention

Tuesday June 24

Mass 9:15am Gwen Freeman (*Death Anniversary* ✙)
and Thanksgiving for Sheela & Emile on their 20th
Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday June 25

Mass 9:15am Geraldine Treck (*Birthday Remembrance* ✙)
and Fill the hearts of souls with the Holy Spirit who are
away from Jesus and His Blessed Sacraments

Thursday June 26 - No confessions will be heard today

Mass 9:15am Ivan and Zora Skoblar (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Philomena Bowes (*Remembrance* ✙)

Friday June 27

Mass 9:15am For the health of Hermione and Karen Daniels

Saturday June 28

Mass 9:15am Antoinette and Malcolm Antony (*Remembrance* ✙)
and For the soul of Royston Lopez (*Remembrance* ✙)

Saturday Vigil, June 28 - Saints Peter and Paul

Mass 5:30pm Congratulations to the children receiving the
sacrament of Confirmation
and Lespoir and Cecile Families (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Thanksgiving Mass for the Rodrigues Family
Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul

Mass 8:30am Margaret Collins (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Intentions of the Oblak Family & the health of Maria
Mass 10:30am For the soul of Emild Dias (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Antonio Lidonnici & Nicola Paola (*Remembrance* ✙)
and Teresa Maria Lucia (*Recently Deceased* ✙)
Mass 5:30pm Josè Benjamin (*Recently Deceased* ✙)

Please pray for...

Our sick: Lovett & Frances Dos Remedios, Heather Fernandez, Steven & Monica Dickson, Ricky & Katrina, Sandy Hayman, Jeanne Joseph, Colin Hillas, Fr. Brendan Lane, Giuseppina Bonato, Anne Moorthy, Stella Joseph, Lucia Gatt, Audrey Hoareau, Lynette Mary Whetton, Lucia, Angelina Mercuri, Sean VanTwist, Tony Zaher, Dale Rozario, Mauraad Beshy, Wafaa Farah, Blanca Vazquez, Raymond Mifsud, Maria Oblak, Gration Vettivelu, Private Intention, Angele Pacifique, Rocco, Belinda Claite, Lyane Watson

The recently deceased:

Julian Maugey, Catherine Suresh, Teresa Maria Lucia

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Lorenzo Martinelli, John McIntyre, Philomena Bowes, Michael Sheehan, Margaret Brady, Nora McMahon, Daniel Thomas Milloy, Noel Anthony, Godwin Bower

Church Cleaning

Saturday, June 28

Moses Family, Vincent & Rebecca

Saturday, July 5

Legion of Mary

Weekly Collection - June 15, 2025

Thanksgiving: \$1,228.50

Presbytery: \$781.45

Reading Roster

Saturday, June 28

5:30pm A. Miranda

Sunday, June 29

8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm L. Hector

Saturday, July 5

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, July 6

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am R. Gonsalves

5:30pm L. Hector

Reading Roster

Copies of the reading roster are available for collection from the sacristy. Thank you for your continued support.

Daily Antiphons - Monday June 23 to Saturday June 28, 2025

Monday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 23

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Tuesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Entrance Antiphon: A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: I praise You for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

Wednesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 25

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Live in Me and let Me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Thursday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 26

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Friday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 27 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Entrance Antiphon: The designs of His Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in Me.

Saturday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time - June 28

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has remembered His mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* He bore our sicknesses, and endured our suffering. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.